

OREGON ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLE INCENTIVES AND LAWS



Oregon is the proud home of two Clean Cities:

Portland

Rogue Valley

Overview

The Business Energy Tax Credit is the major state incentive for alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs) in Oregon. A tax credit of 35% is available for AFVs and alternative fuel fueling stations. The Oregon Department of Energy also offers a small-scale loan program for conservation and renewable resource related projects that may be used for AFV projects. All of the natural gas utilities in Oregon will work with customers to facilitate the tax credit program for natural gas vehicles (NGVs).

Highlights

\$ Tax credit of 35% of eligible project costs for AFVs

State Incentives

\$ A Business Energy Tax Credit is available for AFVs and alternative fuel fueling stations. The tax credit is 35% of eligible project costs and is taken over 5 years. Purchases or conversions must be pre-approved by December 31, 1995 for the tax credit. Contact Bob Ice at the Oregon Department of Energy, (503) 378-5981.

A small-scale loan program for conservation and renewable resource-related projects is available from the Oregon Department of Energy. Contact Dave Stevens at (503) 378-3493 for more information.

Utility/Private Incentives

All the natural gas utilities in the state will buy back the 35% tax credit at the time of purchase of the vehicle. The utility provides the entire 35% credit to the customer at the time of purchase and then deducts the credit over the next 5 years.

Northwest Natural Gas provides NGV refueling facilities as well as the tax credit buy-back as described above. Contact Doug Dundford at (503) 721-2476.

Laws & Regulations

House Bill (HB) 765 (1990) requires that after July 1, 1994, the state may purchase only vehicles designed to operate on alternative fuels except in areas where the fuels are not economically available. State government vehicles are required to be capable of burning alternative fuels to the maximum extent economically possible.

HB 766 (1990) requires that mass-transit vehicles purchased after July 1, 1993, be capable of operating on alternative fuels if technically and economically feasible.

HB 2130 allows investor-owned utilities to offer monies to customers to help purchase vehicles and infrastructure materials.

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